



LD Master WILLIAM HAWKINS, of Plymouth (a man for his wisdom, valour, experience, and skill in sea causes, much esteemed and beloved of King HENRY VIII.; and being one of the principal sea captains in the West parts of England in his time), not contented with the short voyages commonly then made only to the known coasts of Europe; armed out a tall and goodly ship of his own, of the burden of 250 tons, called the *Pole* [*i.e.*, *Paul*] of Plymouth: wherewith he made three long and famous voyages unto the coast of Brazil; a thing, in those days, very rare, especially to our nation.

In the course of which voyages, he touched at the river of Sestos upon the coast of Guinea; where he trafficked with the Negroes, and took of them oliphants' [*elephants'*] teeth and other commodities which that place yieldeth : and so arriving on the coast of Brazil, he used there such discretion, and behaved himself so wisely with those savage people, that he grew into great familiarity and friendship with them. Insomuch that, in his second voyage, one of the savage kings of the country of Brazil was contented to take ship with him, and to be transported hither into England: whereunto Master HAWKINS agreed; leaving behind in the country, as a pledge for his safety and return again, one MARTIN COCKERAM, of Plymouth. This Brazilian king being arrived, was brought up to London, and presented to King HENRY VIIL, lying as then at Whitehall. At the sight of whom, the King and all the nobility did not a little marvel: and not without cause. For in his cheeks were holes made according to their savage manner; and therein small bones were planted, standing an inch out from the said holes : which, in his own country, was reputed for a great bravery [*ornament*]. He had also another hole in his nether lip, wherein was set a precious stone, about the bigness of a pea. All his apparel, behaviour, and gesture were very strange to the beholders.

Having remained here the space almost of a whole year, and the king with his sight fully satisfied; Master HAHfjCiNS, according to his promise and appointment, purposed to con-